

## **RULE 124.2**

### **TRIAL JURY**

#### **(a) Number of Jurors**

In all criminal jury trials cases the jury shall consist of twelve (12) members.

#### **(b) Examination of Jurors**

The Court will itself conduct the examination of prospective jurors. At the close of such examination, the Court will afford counsel an opportunity, at the bench, to request that the Court ask additional questions.

#### **(c) Challenges for Cause**

Challenges for cause of individual prospective jurors shall be made at the bench, at the conclusion of the Court's examination.

#### **(d) Peremptory Challenges**

(1) Manner of Exercise. Peremptory challenges shall be exercised by striking out the name of the juror challenged on the list of the drawn venire prepared by the Clerk. Any party may waive the exercise of any of his peremptory challenges without thereby relinquishing his right to exercise any remaining peremptory challenge or challenges to which he is entitled. If all peremptory challenges are not exercised, the Court will strike from the bottom of the list sufficient names to reduce the number of jurors remaining to twelve (12).

(2) Order of Exercise. In a criminal case in which the government is entitled to 6 peremptory challenges and the defendant or defendants jointly to 10 peremptory challenges, they shall be exercised as follows:

Government	1	
Defendants(s)		2

Government Defendant(s)	1	2	
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In any action in which the Court allows several defendants additional peremptory challenges, the order of challenges shall be determined by the Court.

(3) Alternate Jurors in Criminal Cases. Peremptory challenges to alternate jurors in a criminal case shall be exercised one by one, alternately, the government exercising the first challenge.